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For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL FOR)
PREPARING PHARMACEUTICAL)
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING)
MAMMALS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1-20, 24 and 25, and add new claims 26-29, as follows.

1. (Amended) A biological material for treating mammals, comprising:
- either at least one nucleic acid sequence containing at least one gene of therapeutic interest and elements which ensure the expression of said gene in vivo in target cells intended to be genetically modified with said nucleic acid sequence;
 - or at least one target cell which does not naturally produce antibodies and which is genetically modified *in vitro* with at least one nucleic acid sequence above,